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TAGS: MILI CI
SUBJECT:VISIT OF CHILEAN NAVAL TRAINING SHIP ESMERALDA
REF: SANTIAGO 1830

1. IN RESPONSE OUR INQUIRY, CHILEAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD DEPT.
THAT CHILEAN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE HAS REPORT THAT ANTI-JUNTA
CHILEANS IN BAY AREA (NAMELY FERNANDO ALEGRIA AND LUISA
FERNANDEZ DE HANSEN) MAY BE PREPARING PROTEST TO COINCIDE
WITH SCHEDULED JUNE 16-21 ESMERALDA CALL AT SAN FRAN-
CISCO. NO DETAILS WERE PROVIDED, AND SOURCE AT EMBASSY
INDICATED THAT CHILEAN NAVY IS DETERMINED TO GO FORWARD
WITH VISIT, THOUGH IT RECOGNIZES THAT ANTI-GOC ELEMENTS HERE
MAY SEEK TO EXPLOIT IT.

2. DEPT'S INQUIRY TO FBI, SAN FRANCISCO POLICE AND COAST
GUARD REVEAL NO KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFIC THREAT, ALTHOUGH ALL
CONCEDE THAT BAY AREA HAS BEEN SITE OF MINOR ANTI-JUNTA
DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAST.

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3. YOU MAY ASSURE ADMIRAL MERINO THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO

TAKE A FRESH READING AS VISIT DRAWS CLOSER, BUT THAT
INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT, IN OUR VIEW,
WARRANT CANCELLATION OF SAN FRANCISCO VISIT, WHICH WE
WELCOME. IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ADOPT THE
MEASURES NECESSARY TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EMBARRASSING
SITUATION. KISSINGER

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